

Women Again On March for Reality In Equal Rights

By ARTHUR EDSON
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Women, bless them, are on the march. They want a new amendment to the Constitution—an equal rights amendment. And since women are persistent creatures, they may get it.

This amendment would declare: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex."

Maybe you thought women had equality now, or possibly even more so.

But there are 1,000 laws which set women apart from men.

Some states limit the hours, and the places, a woman can work. In some towns, a woman can't teach school if she marries.

Many states have different ages at which a boy and a girl can marry. In New Hampshire, for instance, a girl may marry at 13, while husbands under 14 must be thrown back.

An amendment would wipe out all these differences.

Obviously, not all women want to do this. They say these are protective laws, and that if the amendment were passed, women would lose more than they would gain.

These objectors would prefer to have a committee set up to look into the whole problem.

Chance to Pass Seen
The National Woman's party doesn't agree with this at all. It says it has the support of women's organizations with a combined membership of 11,500,000.

Since 11,500,000 votes are no small item in an election year, the party thinks the amendment has a chance to pass Congress.

Two years ago the amendment got a majority vote in the Senate, but lacked the two-thirds edge needed for proposed constitutional amendments.

Even if Congress approves, three-fourths of the states must say, "me too," before it becomes law.

Members of the National Women's Party appeared before a House judiciary subcommittee recently, and I dropped around to hear the arguments.

A little old woman, as perky as a Jenny Wren, was speaking. "I had five children when my husband died," she was saying, "and the oldest child was seven. I have made my own way as a ticket taker on a railroad."

"Let me tell you that we working women don't want any special privileges. We don't want any protection."

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Denies Exile



(NEA Telephoto)
Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustav Mannerheim (above), grand old man of the Finnish Republic, sailed to Stockholm in a dramatic gesture to awaken world opinion to the perils confronting his country, according to reports. Mannerheim, 81, flatly denied the press reports that he was going into self-imposed exile because of Communist demands of his country. He said he was in Sweden for medical treatment.

Benefit Plays By Glide PTA Dated

A comedy program featuring two one-act plays will be presented by the Glide P.T.A. in the school auditorium at 8 p.m. April 2. The program, directed by Mrs. John Robinson, will benefit the Glide 4-H clubs.

"A Woman of Character" with an all-female cast, and "If Men Played Bridge as Women Do," with all-male cast, will be the two plays presented.

Participants in the first drama include: Mrs. George Churchill, Mrs. G. W. McClure, Mrs. Andy Harvey, Mrs. Harry Bruffy, Mrs. Lee Eaton, Mrs. Bob Franks, Mrs. Bud Schosso, Mrs. Jack Wright, and Mrs. Morris Bowker.

Players in the second presentation include: Harry Bruffy, George Churchill, Bob Baldwin, and Morris Bowker.

A short skit, "A Truant Husband," will be presented by Mrs. Phil Strader and Mrs. John Robinson. Musical numbers will be presented by the Glide School Triple Trio.

RIFLE SCORES NOTED
Posting high scores in the Roseburg Rifle Club indoor 50-foot range Monday night at the Army were Dale Adams 275, Ken Gikeson 273, James Wolford 273, Deane Paulson 268, and Hugh Harrison 256. Records are taken from three positions: Prone, sitting and off-hand, with a possible 100 score for each position.

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Hews Home Out Of Cedar Stump

SEDRO WOOLLEY, Wash. — (AP)—A cedar stump beat the housing shortage for Peter Bilecki.

The 54-year-old Polish immigrant, a former cook in Seattle restaurants, hewed a home in the stump with five months of spare time labor and has lived in it for 22 months. A cat is his only companion.

The 10-foot high by 7-foot thick stump offers Bilecki what he was seeking in a home: A good roof, solitude and low initial cost and upkeep.

A built-in slab bunk is his bed and his chair; a converted milk can is his stove. The stump's heavy sides are cut by two windows and a door. Bilecki keeps a garden nearby.

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